

**God and Euthanasia****Monty python skit.****What is it?****1) The word "euthanasia" is misleading at a whole range of levels****2) The difference between what is called voluntary and non-voluntary Euthanasia.****- Vol Euthan. = when death is chosen by the sufferer.****- Non - Vol Euthan = is when death is imposed on the helpless or unwanted person without their consent****3) The distinction between Active and Passive Euthanasia.****Active Euthanasia involves someone taking active means to end another person's life.****Passive Euthanasia means not taking a necessary step to save someone else's life when you could have.****4) 'Prolonging life' or 'prolonging death'.****Dangers and problems of Euthanasia****1) Death is irreversible****2) People are fallible.****...death is God's decision and not ours.****Deuteronomy 32:39, "See now that I myself am He! There is no God besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand."****1 Samuel 2:6, "The LORD brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up."****Psalm 90:3, "You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men."****Psalm 31:15, "My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me."****2 Kings 5:7, "As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to Life?""****Genesis 9:6, "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man."****Deuteronomy 5:17, "You shall not murder"****3) People are sinful.****4) Legalising does not protect.****A Christian perspective****1) God's rule or man's****2) Self centred****3) Rejects God's value on human life.****4) Fails to understand the sinful potential of humans****5) Fails to love****So how do we live?****- Be prepared to live differently... offer hope not death****- Gospel sharing changes the hearts of people****- Gospel conversation – be informed****-**